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TODAY'S KICK-OFF WILL THRILL

John d'Andrea

GOOD AFTERNOON FANS! The first kick-off for the 1960 season is here . . .

J.U.S.T. and Hakoah take the field at Olympic Park today in what promises to be soccer's greatest season ever.

And tomorrow the newly-promoted Hungarian side, Melbourne, make their State League debut against veteran team Polonia, also at Olympic Park.

On paper Hakoah and J.U.S.T. have equal chances for a win.

Hakoah has been particularly unlucky in the night series but have given an impressive display of fitness and determination in the pre-season matches, culminating with the defeat of Juventus at Olympic Park last Sunday.

J.U.S.T., strong after their Victorian and Australian summer titles, should have recovered from their soccer "orgy."

Their forward trio—Marinovich, Vollman and Beattie, will prove a "killer."

Left-back Ellinghus comes to top soccer after two years with the reserves. He originally comes from Seymour S.C.

Melbourne, who have shown promising form in recent matches are still an unknown quantity in competitive senior soccer.

HAKOAH: — Mannering, Alexander, Ellinghus, Hartley, Barkley, Neuhold, Mcinroy, Thomas, Heynes, Oughton, Blackley, Petersen.

J.U.S.T. — Jancovic, Waldbauer, Rezuk, Micic, Basic, Schroeder, Gras, Marinovic, Vollman, Beattie, Rodex.

Referee: Harrison.

Linesmen: Seunis, Gough.

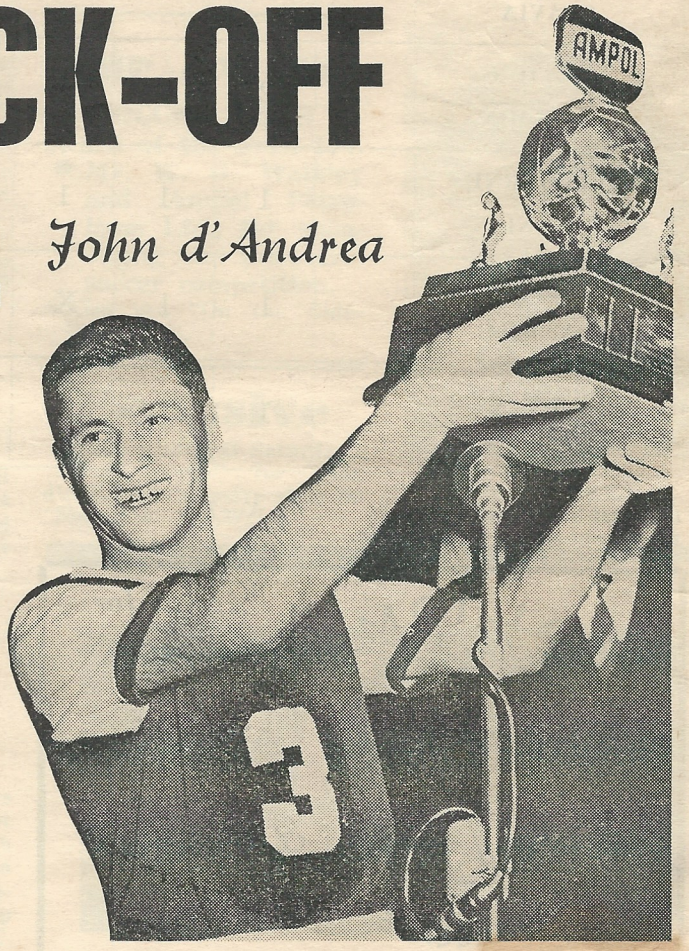
MELBOURNE: — Gross, Szalay, Zuckerman, Juhasz I, Juhasz II, Gerdan, Vajda, Vass, Garret, Veres, Fekete, Banhidy, Weiner, Bors.

POLONIA: — Morks, Gastor, Guardiani, Janczyk, Szczepaciski, Biro, Jurecki, Ritter, Dupon, Szczygalski.

Referee: Calelli.

Linesmen: Contin, Kleiberg.

✦ Look for Allan Stephen's Polish Round-up next week.



J.U.S.T. captain Mike Rezuck (above right) had every reason to smile when he held the Ampol soccer trophy in Sydney last week. Mike and his team had swept the board in defeating all-comers in the Ampol Interstate soccer series.

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STATE LEAGUE *FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEK-END*	YOUR Selection	JOHN D'ANDREA "Soccer News"	FRED VILLIERS "Soccer News"	STAN STACEY "The Globe"	BILL FLEMING "The Herald"	M. BUCKNER "The Sun"	ALEX BARR "The Age"	JIM PAUL 3KZ	FRED LANG 3DB	GLEN MILLENS 3XY	CHARLES DODD HSV7
HAKOAH v. J.U.S.T.		2	2	2	X	1	2	2	2	1	X
FOOTSCRAY v. SLAVIA		X	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
PRESTON v. WILHELMINA		2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
MELBOURNE v. POLONIA		1	1	1	1	X	X	X	1	2	1
JUVENTUS v. BOX HILL		1	1	X	X	1	1	2	1	1	2
GEORGE CROSS v. MORELAND		1	1	1	1	1	1	X	X	1	X

1—First-named team to win. *X—Tie.*
2—Second-named team to win.

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A spontaneous answer to Sydney's great boosted attendance figures was last week's friendly match between Hakoah and Juventus, which followed the South Melbourne-Hellas v. Brighton curtain raiser.

Eight hundred and twenty pounds were the takings even though it was a friendly match, it was a trainless Sunday, the publicity was limited to the followers of the four participating figures and it was the last Sunday free for Soccer lovers after a strenuous night competition and pre-championship friendly matches.

Brighton S.C. had organised the afternoon of Soccer to boost their finance in order to pay their annual ground rent.

The profits were unevenly split among the four teams.

Flash-back to 1959

State League—Last year's results:

Hakoah, J.U.S.T.	H.	1—1
	A.	3—0
Footscray, Slavia	H.	4—6
	A.	3—6
Preston, Wilhelm.	—	— —
	—	— —
Melbrne., Polonia	—	— —
	—	— —
Juventus, B. Hill	H.	1—0
	A.	3—0
G. Cross, Moreld.	H.	5—4
	A.	2—0

HOW TO READ THE CHART

1 HOME WIN
2 AWAY WIN
X DRAW

Each week the above soccer panel will tip for State League games.

You, too, can make your own selections in the blank column provided and see how you fare with the experts.

At the end of the season the Soccer News "King of the Tipsters"

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THEY'VE CHANGED THE RULES

The Soccer World Ruling Body—F.I.F.A.—has advised the Australian Soccer Football Association of the immediate enforcement of the new rule regarding substitute players in Championship, Interstate and International matches.

The rule states: "IN ANY MATCH THE GOALKEEPER BE REPLACED AT ANY TIME DURING THE MATCH AND OF ONE OTHER PLAYER BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST HALF, IF THEY ARE INJURED AND UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE MATCH, THIS FACT HAVING BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE REFEREE."

The Australian Association has approved the adoption of the rule permitting the substituting of injured players but has also advised V.A.S.F.A. and other State Associations that they can apply for exemption from the rule in respect of their own competitions.

Failing such an application for exemption the Australian Association ruling shall apply.

Any State applying and obtaining the exemption would still be subject to that rule in Interstate and International matches.

The V.A.S.F.A. council ruled that this will apply as from Saturday, April 2, and all clubs and referees have been notified.

Thank you Morrie!

Morrie Buckner has relinquished the editorship of "Soccer News" this year.

The V.A.S.F.A. Council has recorded its appreciation for his work in this field.

We feel we should add our thanks to him.

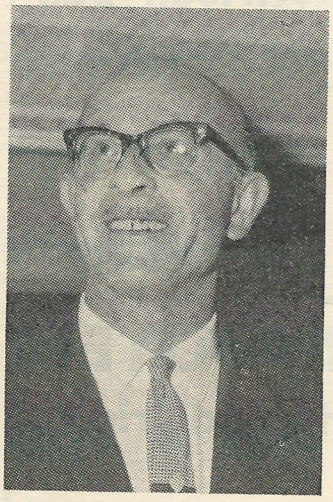
Morrie will still be associated with Soccer as "The Sun" soccer writer and the chairman of the Soccer Tribunal.

We thank Morrie, for his work, for his advice, for the help he has already given us and he is prepared to give in the future.

Morrie Buckner will write features for "Soccer News" and his weekly reports on the Disciplinary Committee activities also will appear.

Thank you, Morrie!

The Editor.



MORRIE BUCKNER

Our Award

SOCCER NEWS award of the week to . .

- **Mr. W. G. Walkley and Ampol Petroleum Ltd., for sponsoring the interstate soccer competition.**

✦ Also see "On the Sidelines" P. 5.

Exclusive

Don't miss next Saturday's "Soccer News" for John d'Andrea's exclusive story on "Soccer in N.S.W."

JOHN d'ANDREA . . . the New Editor.

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On Their Way To Wembley

Wolverhampton Wanderers took a step nearer the most exclusive honor in English football last Saturday when they qualified to meet Blackburn Rovers in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley on May 7.

Wolverhampton beat Aston Villa 1-0 in a semi-final.

A goal in the last minute by little outside-left Norman Deeley gave Wolverhampton their win.

Blackburn reached the final with a 2-1 win over the much favoured Sheffield Wednes-Wednesday.

Two goals by centre-forward Derek Dougan settled the issue for Blackburn Rovers. Sheffield's goal was scored by inside-left, John Fantham.

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- Special articles on and by soccer personalities in Australia and overseas.
- Inside stories of Victorian soccer.
- An extensive coverage of all top clubs.
- Hard-hitting comment on "the match of the week."
- Soccer facts and figures.
- Overseas news to keep you abreast with world soccer.
- Pen pictures of soccer people.
- How the experts see the games.

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Adelaide Want Players Union

From our Special Correspondent

FORMER English professional Ray Heddington, now in Adelaide, is trying to form a players' union.

This move is encountering the approval of major soccer clubs.

In a letter addressed to all players, the former Manchester City A Team player states his desire to bring into being a uniform contract acceptable to both State Associations and players themselves.

A secondary aim is a scheme through which every player who has served one club for a certain period of time should be entitled to some reward for his services.

If successful in South Australia, Mr. Heddington will expand his organisation to all other States.

For the best part of season 1959, Ray Heddington played as centre forward for Juventus Soccer Club, South Australian champions.

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EASTER TRIP TO PERTH FOR S.A. TEAM

South Australia will send a team on a return visit to Perth for Easter.

The team will fly to Perth on Thursday, April 14, returning on Easter Monday, April 18.

Sixteen players from leading teams in Adelaide have been training for the last six weeks.

Mr. L. F. Barkham, a S.A.S.F.A. Executive member, has been appointed tour manager with Mr. C. Connolly, as team manager and coach.

Mr. R. Ward will be assistant team manager.

• The winter competition will start in Adelaide on Saturday, April 9. Follow the results and news from S.A. in Soccer News each week.

[—from S.A.'s "Soccer News."]

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African Ban

The recent ban on public meetings imposed by the South African Government affects the Sunday soccer matches — one of the few amenities the black people can enjoy in South Africa.

The ban follows racial trouble while public opinion is mounting in the world against the present policy.

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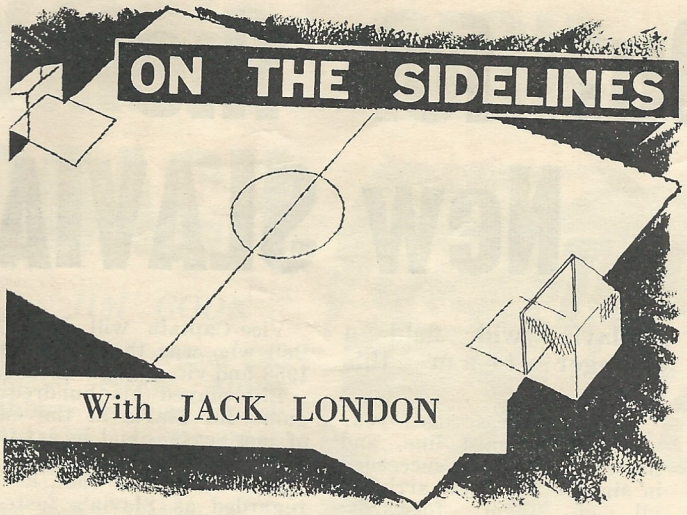

✦ **The introduction of the Ampol Cup night Soccer competition at the beginning of the season has given a great impetus to the game in the States to which it has been introduced.**

Ampol's interest in soccer stemmed personally from the interest of the Managing Director of the Company, Mr. W. G. Walkley, who has been a keen follower of the game for many years.

With the influx of New Australians over recent years and their interest in one major sport — soccer — his feeling was that this sport could provide the means of welding New Australians and old Australians together. It provided a common meeting ground for the many thousands of young Australians who are helping to build a new Australia — the young people who have been born in Australia and the young people who have come from overseas to start a new life under the Southern Cross.

This was the reason why, four years ago, Mr. Walkley provided the Ampol Cup and big prize money for a night series in Sydney.

The experiment was a resounding success. The standard of soccer improved almost overnight and tens of thousands flocked to see the series.

Progressively the idea was introduced to Newcastle, Brisbane and South Australia.

This year was the first of the Ampol night series in Victoria and a further development of Mr. Walkley's original idea.

This year, too, for the first time, an interstate night soccer series has been instituted. The winners of the series in Newcastle and in Sydney will play off to determine which team will represent New South Wales in the interstate series. The winners of the series in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane, will be flown to Sydney, at Ampol's expense, to determine the premier Australian soccer club.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to include Western Australia and Tasmania in the series this year. It is likely that the Ampol Cup will be extended to Western Australia.

"As an all Australian Company, Ampol is very proud indeed to be able to join with the Soccer Associations in these States in bringing old and New Australians together in the best of all environments — the field of sport," said Mr. Walkley.

"We feel very proud that our help, even in a small way, has stimulated the rebirth of this great game in Australia. We look forward to continuing our support."

★ **Preston and Wilhelmina Soccer Clubs have agreed, with the sanction of the Association, to play the first match on Wilhelmina's ground instead of the home ground of Preston, today. On June 18, therefore, the match Wilhelmina - Preston will be played on Preston home ground.**

★ The annual meeting of the Sunday International Committee was held at the Amateur Sports Club on Thursday. (The meeting was in progress when "Soccer News" went to press. All the decisions will be reported next week.) The most important decisions expected from this meeting would be the participating nations' reaction to the V.A.S.F.A. executive recommendation that the number of teams be reduced. The draw of the first round is also likely to be announced and a decision made on the opening day of the competition, which generally starts with a Commonwealth v. Rest of the World match, on the last Sunday of April.

★ **Sicilia played a full-of-promise game against top State League side George Cross under the lights at the Showgrounds during the Ivan Kuketz trophy competition last week.**

In First Division North, Sicilia filled-in at the last moment when Polonia withdrew from the competition.

The team put up an excellent showing, holding the Cross at bay until the last 10 minutes of play—that odd goal was the winner.

Both forwards and defence played well together.

Impressive features of their play was their fitness, willingness to distribute the ball and their orderly conduct towards the referee.

Without a doubt they will be stiff opposition for all teams in their division.

ENGLAND CAP for MARSHALL?

Remember GORDON MARSHALL?

Gordon was the Hearts of Midlothian 'keeper with the tourists of last season.

Marshall, although playing for the Scottish champions, is English by birth and is tipped that he'll play for England against Scotland at Hamden Park next Saturday.

He has already done well in several English Under-23 teams.

Only 19 years of age, he was the only goalkeeper Hearts had with them and he played in every game.

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HAMPTON SOCCER CARNIVAL

By Geoff Dobb

Many leading personalities will take part in the soccer carnival at Hampton next Saturday, when Sandringham City unfurls its 1959 flag before its long - awaited match with Richmond.

A good crowd is expected to see the flag ceremony handled by Mr. H. J. Dockerty, displays by the Moorabbin and Hampton marching girls, the possible appearance of the Moomba Queen to traditionally kick-off City's first home match. Compere will be Eddie Carol, of local Major 8 and square-dancing fame.

The club will have as guests Messrs. H. J. Dockerty and C. Dodd of the VASFA; Mr. Murphy Porter, M.L.A.; Cr. J. Cleworth representing the Sandringham Mayor; and Mr. Hounslow, headmaster of Aspendale Technical School.

On the soccer field, spectators will see three matches with Sandringham senior club meeting the crack Richmond Club in an early pennant pointer and Melbourne's most interesting matches, outside the State League, on April 9.

More good soccer is assured with the City Under 18 XI playing Coburg United at 1.15 p.m.

Olive St. Reserve, Hampton, is only 25 minutes by car from the G.P.O. and public transport runs direct to the ground. The red Moorabbin Hampton bus can be taken from either Hampton or Moorabbin stations.

Club festivities next Saturday will continue with Sandringham's first 1960 dance at the Sandringham Dispensary Hall, near Sandringham Station, and all soccer followers are welcome. The Parkdale "Rhythmnaires" will supply a good beat and a liquor licence is being obtained.

April 9 will thus see an initial step in Sandringham's plans of providing attractive soccer to attract soccer followers throughout Southern Melbourne.

Look Out for the New SLAVIA

Slavia will field a stronger team this season.

The weakness last year was the forward line, and the committee has succeeded in signing four new arrivals, all of them forwards: Wenisch, Rambousek and Ziegler from Austria, and Angstenberger from Germany.

The team will be captained by John Berry who has made a name for himself as an outstanding centre-half.

He was a tower of strength in the Scottish team which won last year's World Cup.

Vice-Captain will be Bill Bell who was the captain in 1958 and vice-captain in 1959.

Bill played his hundredth game for Slavia at the end of last season, and he is still going strong.

As a matter of fact, he is regarded as Slavia's fastest player.

Saturday's team will probably be selected from:

Goal: Barotajs.

Backs: Petherick, Armstrong, Vacirca.

Halves: Bailish, Berry, Glennie, Reinbold.

Forwards: Bell, Rambousek, Cook, Angstenberger, Wenisch, Ziegler, Gotschlich.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

✦Preston - Wilhelmina match has been switched today, Saturday, April 2, to Wilhemina's home ground (South Hawthorn Reserve).

On June 18 Wilhelmina-Preston will be played on the Preston ground.

The switch has been agreed to by the clubs and ratified by V.A.S.F.A.

Rosebud Soccer Club secretary, J. Norberhuis, advises that his club will play all home games at the Boneo Recreation Ground, Boneo Road, Rosebud.

Visiting teams and referees will be picked up in front of the Rosebud Hotel at 2 p.m. on day of game, and escorted to the ground.

A special general meeting of the U.S.C. Lions-Hayduk elected Mr. M. Osidach, 83 Fitzwilliam Street, Kew, Tel. WA 3908 (night) as new president of the club.

Maccabi S.C. informs that their ground for season 1960 has been transferred from Princess Park to Yarra Park, ground No. 4.

Trams from City: 74, 77, 70; tram stop N. 3.

The first game only on April 2 will be played at St. Kilda Juniors' Ground, Middle Park where Maccabi meet Moonee Ponds.

Essendon Soccer Club has a new secretary. Mr. R. G. Maclaurin, of 11 Noble Ave., Strathmore, W.5, has now replaced the retiring secretary, Mr. L. M. Glover.

The Croatia Soccer Club have appointed Mr. S. Kratofil, 29 Hughes Street, North Geelong, (phone U 1292), as their new secretary, following the resignation of Mr. J. Radojevic.

The president, Mr. E. Begovic, has also resigned.

Please note, all 1st Division North clubs: Coburg United S.C. has applied for the registration of their new colors for 1960: Jerseys, red with blue V band; shorts, white; stockings, red with blue tops; alternate colors: already registered with V.A.S.F.A.

THREE GREEK PLAYERS HERE

Three new players brought from Greece made their debut at Olympic Park when South Melbourne-Hellas defeated Brighton 3-0 last Sunday.

They are A. Iepemides (left-back) and G. Papadopoulos (inside-left) from Hercules S.C., Salonica, Greece, and A. Hajieleftheriou from Panionios S.C., Athens, Greece.

The three players brought here by the new club South Melbourne-Hellas with the financial help of prominent members of the Greek Community, arrived by air on Saturday night, just in time for the match.

Another two leading Greek players will be arriving by plane for the start of the season, today, April 2, and five more are expected in by boat later this month.

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YANKS SIGN STUBBINS AS COACH

By JIM COOK

Former Liverpool and England centre Albert Stubbins is now coach and trainer to the New York Soccer Club.

The club is holding an international soccer tournament in the States soon.

The English F.A. have agreed to loan players whose basic wage will be £40 per week and Wally Barnes, the former Arsenal and Wales full back, will act as agent for the New York club in England to recruit loan players.

South America, U.K., and the Rest of Europe will take part.

In Spanish first division soccer no fewer than 60 foreign players participate. Of that number 48 come from the South American countries, while Hungary is the leading European supplier with nine players.

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✦Ferenec Puckas, the Hungarian inside-forward star who has been with Real Madrid for several years, is now a naturalized Spaniard.

✦Since 1952 Willie Bauld, the Heart of Midlothian centre-forward, has had to withdraw on eleven occasions from Scottish representative teams due to various recurring injuries.

✦Personality player of the Dutch Soccer Club, Sparta, this season has been 6 ft. 3 in. centre-half Jan Schilder. The Rotterdam player has played some terrific games in the European Cup.

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✦Czechoslaovakian champions **Red Star of Bratislavia have five full international players currently appearing in their side.**

✦Coach and adviser to the Egyptian F.A. in Cairo is former Queens Park goalkeeper Mustafa Mansour.

✦The £53,000 transfer fee which Manchester City paid Huddersfield for Scottish inside-forward Denis Law is the highest fee ever paid by one British club to another, but it is not the record fee for a British player. The Italian club, Juventus, paid Leeds United £65,000 for centre-forward John "Taffy" Charles.

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✦Veteran of Austrian League Soccer is former international player, Willy Hahnemann. Willy was born in 1914, nine years before Stanley Matthews.

✦The manager of the Eire team which defeated Sweden this season is old favourite John Carey, formerly Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United.

✦Regular Fulham goalkeeper Tony Macedo hails from Gibraltar, now the team of which Tommy Trinder is chairman, have signed a German, Arthur Reiss, to understudy Macedo.

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Down Arsenal way
That transfer hitch
Means, they say,
One Law for the rich!

★DENIS LAW is now supposed to be worth £53,000 — the costliest footballer ever to be signed by an English club.

I say this is a crazy valuation to put on a 20-year-old who has not yet played in 100 first-class matches.

And the situation is made even more ludicrous by the fact that such a highly-priced performer is not entitled to draw more money than a very ordinary player in the Fourth Division.

Law's first wage packet from Manchester City will contain no more than £20 if they lose; £24 if they win; £22 if they draw.

And so far his only share in this tremendous transfer is a £20 signing-on fee. Niggardly recompense for a man expected to make his new club famous and wealthy.

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Star pay for star players. This has been the cry for years—but it is impossible as long as the present Football League structure survives.

At last, however, the League are showing some signs of yielding to commonsense—but the change of heart may mean dearer football.

NAT QUITS

Nat Lofthouse, Bolton and England centre, has decided to call it a day and hang up his boots.

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BAUMGARTNER 'KING' OF AUSSIE SOCCER

Nowhere in Australia has any soccer player shot to the top of the tree so quickly as Austrian-born Leopold Baumgartner—the Sydney idol of many supporters.

Baumgartner, a ready-made international star, playing with the Austrian touring side of 1957—came, saw and liked Australia so much that he migrated here immediately after returning to Europe.

Along with him, besides his family, came his great friend and also former Austrian teammate, Karl Jaros, who has established himself as a utility player of class.

Many Victorian soccer followers will remember this pair when Austria beat the pants off of our State and Australians sides at the Showgrounds.

Baumgartner now only 28 years, has had an upbringing of pure soccer—from early age he has studied the actions of world-class players, noting the tricky and intricate movements of top goal scoring forwards.

His quick-thinking and suppleness of body have put him far ahead of the ordinary player.

Even while at school, he always had the ambition to become a world class professional soccer player.

"Poli", as his schooldays friends called him, has travelled to nearly all corners of the world except Africa and China.

In 1954 he toured South America with F.K. Austria playing matches against Argentine, Brazil, Uraguay, Peru and Colombia.

His trophy room at his Maroubra (Sydney) home contains endless mementoes of this trip.

One of his treasured possessions is an autographed photograph of the then Argentine dictator, Juan Peron.

Baumgartner had a private lunch with Peron and the dictator presented him with the photo — which later served as an unchallenged passport anywhere he went in South America.

In all, he played seven games with the Austrian National side,

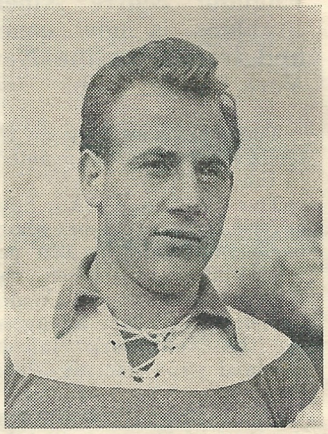
Soon after Baumgartner arrived in Australia his former club, F.K. Austria, protested to F.I.F.A. that no transfer fee had been paid for Baumgartner or his club mates, Jaros, Saghi, Tamandl and Schwerz.

The N.S.W. Federation at this time was a disqualified body and the players took no notice of a ban F.I.F.A. had placed on them.

The Federation is now affiliated to the Australian Soccer Association—but the ban still applies.

Most of the Austrians played against tourist Costa Rica last year and fortunately F.I.F.A. turned a conveniently blind eye.

[Grateful acknowledgment to a Sydney correspondent who supplied this article.—"Soccer News."]



Leopold Baumgartner, . . . The King of Soccer.

COUNTRY SOCCER

The Geelong District Amateur Soccer Football Association is starting the Winter Competition today with the following matches:

Croatia v. D.S.G.
N. Olympia v. Geelong S.C.
Zagreb v. Corio.
G. Scottish v. Nimrod.
Macedonia v. British.

Next week "Soccer News" will publish the full draw of all country competitions in Victoria under the auspices of V.A.S.F.A.

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VOTED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leopold Baumgartner, former Prague (Sydney) star centre forward and proved master tactician, is Sydney's undisputed "Pin-up-boy."

Last year three out of Sydney's four daily newspapers voted Baumgartner as the "Soccer player of the year."

Prague obtained the services of Baumgartner after seeing him in action with the Austrian touring club.

It was mainly through their efforts and assurances of the future that Baumgartner and his companions migrated to Australia.

The reward of "Soccer player of the year" was well earned, particularly after his great showing as captain and centre-forward with the New South Wales Federation XI, which defeated COSTA RICAN club side DEPORTIVO SAPRISSA in three successive games.

His remarkable ball-control and tremendous accelleration helped open up the COSTA RICAN defence on numerous occasions.

Baumgartner confirmed the big impression he made against the visitors with a series of scintillating displays for his club PRAGUE in their Sydney league competition.

While captain-coach with PRAGUE he led the side within an ace of achieving the 1959 "grand-slam."

Prague won the early season Ampol Cup, followed this in winning the league Premiership, only to lose the Federation Cup Final 2-0 to HAKOAH in what was the season's biggest boilover.

BAUMGARTNER finished the club season with 37 goals to his credit in 24 games — an ample reflection of his goal scoring ability.

The best, and certainly the most needed goal of all came in the Premiership semi-final against A.P.I.A. on the dusty E. S. MARKS soccer ground.

Prague and A.P.I.A. battled it out for 88 minutes with still no score.

A.P.I.A. had assigned two defenders to "shadow" Baumgartner — his every move was met with stern and often vigorous defence.

In the last few minutes of the game BAUMGARTNER had sweet revenge—he moved to the left to take a corner kick.

Using his right foot and gauging the wind correctly he neatly floated the ball into the far corner of the net, leaving A.P.I.A. goalkeeper, CARLO ALLOCCA, completely bewildered.

This goal was his triumph of the season — team-mates and supporters alike proudly chaired BAUMGARTNER shoulder high from the ground.

The Premiership grand final also added to BAUMGARTNER'S already high rating — in front of 12,500 rain-soaked spectators he slammed in 2 goals to help Prague win the trophy 3-2.

Like so many Europeans, BAUMGARTNER'S volatile temperament can leave its mark on a game.

In a club match against HAKOAH he staged an impromptu strike for 10 minutes—alleging a rival official on the sideline had insulted him.

Cajoled to return to the field by worried PRAGUE officials, BAUMGARTNER almost immediately scored the winning goal to give his club a thrilling 2-1 victory.

"He needed time to think," commented PRAGUE committee member, OSCAR PICK.

BAUMGARTNER with his bag full of tricks has brought something new to Sydney and Australian soccer.

His antics and shrewd moves during a game have whipped the soccer enthusiasm of thousands of Sydney soccer followers.

✦ Continued P. 4.

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• First Division North

Taking into account the previous strengths of the three clubs forming the South Melbourne-Hellas combine, they are clear favourites for a State League berth in 1961. With over 50 players in training it is sure that they will field an exceptionally strong team.

However, today's opponents, Croatia, were photo-finished out of last year's premiership and will be a real threat to South Melbourne. The winner of today's clash could well derive the confidence necessary to sustain them to a flag-winning finish.

Coburg have maintained a good standard for several seasons and it would not be beyond their capabilities to upset some of the bigger names in this league. Sicilia will be all the better for having a season of 1st Division experience behind them and they will give a better account of themselves than many people imagine.

Moonee Ponds and Fiorentina, both promoted from the 2nd Division, will be eager to show that their success last year was no fluke, and can be relied upon to thoroughly test the opposition. Sunshine City and Maccabi have never been easy to beat and this season should be no exception.

Corio are difficult to evaluate but can be relied upon to turn in some good performances, particularly on their own ground.

University, the third team to be promoted from the 2nd Division, may find this grade a bit tough, but with a young energetic team will be capable of surprises.

Today's likely winners are South Melbourne - Hellas, Sunshine City, Coburg, Sicilia, and, perhaps, Moonee Ponds.

STATE LEAGUE --- NEXT STOP!

Says DON SUTHERLAND

In the other match the result is hard to forecast as both teams have played well in all their practice matches and both are confident of winning—a draw would be a pleasing result to this game.

• 1st Division South

The key to a good competition is evenly-matched contestants, and followers of 2nd Division South have these in plenty.

Richmond, runners-up last year, are sure to give a good account of themselves, while their opponents today, ex-State League team, Geelong, will be a real threat to all premiership ambitions.

Sandringham City may prove to be the "dark horse" of this league, but their class will be thoroughly tested today when they travel to Yallourn, who would need to show only a little improvement to be real contenders for the flag.

Brighton had a disappointing year in 1959 and will be unleashing a real effort this season in a bid to regain their former glories.

Dandenong have become well entrenched in 1st Division and their solidity will give plenty of headaches to opposing teams.

Austria with a new ground at Elwood Reserve, and a large number of players in training, will be much improved this year and are sure to have more wins than losses in their bag at the season's end.

South Yarra, Prahran, and Park Rangers have a real job ahead of them to improve on last year's performances in what is now probably a stronger competition, but all of these clubs have a great tradition of fighting spirit and will prove worthy opponents throughout the season.

It is difficult to pick winners at this early stage, but if you don't shoot you won't score so my selections today are: Richmond, Sandringham City, Austria, Brighton, and South Yarra.

BEST EVER SEASON?

SECOND DIVISION

By RUSSELL LEA

• *NORTH*

Victorian Soccer is heading for its greatest season ever, and the teams in the 2nd Division North will be out to prove their ability.

Many teams are rebuilding and the potential has not yet been fully realised. By now the teams in this league will have played their practice matches and will have assessed the form of new recruits.

The promotion and relegation chances of the teams can only be assumed on the results of last season's matches, and this season's friendly games.

To date those teams with hope of success this year are, Norlane-Olympia, Lions and St. Albans.

These teams are all following on the successes of last season and their practice match results have been pleasing.

Essendon must be included in the teams with chances of promotion this year. They have filled the vacant places left by the transferring of star players — Glover Matthews and Suttie to a State League club.

Two juniors players with hopes of making the senior team this year are — Paul Daiman and Jim Proven.

Collingwood, if they can reproduce the end of season form shown last year, will be the dark horse of the 2nd. Division North.

The main matches today are between St. Albans and Lions, and Essendon and Seymour. In both these games the promotion favourites will be fully tested, and the games should be thrillers. Likely winners are Lions and Essendon.

In the remaining games the form of certain teams will be assessed. Heidelberg meet Williamstown at Heidelberg, and this match could well develop into a titanic struggle and the result could be a draw.

Collingwood play I.C.I. and must be favourites to win, while in the remaining game, Norlane-Olympia meet Fairfield. The home team should win but will be throughly tested.

• *SOUTH*

The Clubs in this league will be striving to gain promotion and to avoid relegation

One can at this stage draw a rough conclusion of the chances of various teams, and if their practice match results are any indication, their standard of soccer will be high.

Frankston, Oakleigh, and North Richmond could well fight our promotion chances. The main testing teams for these clubs will be Bayswater and Ferntree Gully who always figure in surprise results.

All the teams in the 2nd Division South have been recruiting and the standard of players which have joined the clubs is very high.

Frankston expect to have only six of their first team of last year playing, but have gained the services of experienced Ron. Howard, a former Southport (England) player. Howard will be player-coach of the Frankston team.

Big things are expected of young inside-forward, Bob Betts, this year, and the Frankston President, Mr. Wilkes, feels that his club will have a greater chance of winning the Championship.

Oakleigh are counting on some new blood and the experience the first team gained in the League last year to succeed, while North Richmond must be conceded a great chance of success if their form continues to improve.

Moorabbin have almost rebuilt the whole of their team, gaining two experienced players from Britain, namely, Brian Weedon and Ray Bradley. The star in the practice matches was Frank Schultz and the team is being rebuilt around this player. In one of their practice games they beat a strong Prahran team 4-3.

Two. important. matches will be played today between Rosebud and Frankston and Moorabbin.. and.. Ferntree Gully at Rosebud and Moorabbin respectively.

These matches are important as they will help to show whether the form of three mediocre teams last year has improved.

J.U.S.T. DID IT!

By JOHN d'ANDREA

When the referee blew the final whistle at Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, March 19, two men sitting among the disappointingly small crowd jumped in each other's arms and kissed each other.

They were Ivan Kuketz and John Ivanovic.

Ivan Kuketz is the founder and first president of J.U.S.T. and John Ivanovic is the man longer associated with the club in the present committee.

It was a great reward for Ivan Kuketz who in March, 1950, was vice-president of the Brighton S.C. and was then persuaded to rally all Jugoslav players in Melbourne (many of them playing for Brighton) to play in their own team.

Ivan found a great supporter and friend in Harold Holt, then Minister for Immigration, who helped him to get many good players of Jugoslav extraction from Victoria and N.S.W. migrant centres.

The first problem was to find a suitable name for the regional-conscious Jugoslav people and the happy choice was Jugoslav United Soccer Team.

From March, 1950, J.U.S.T. has gone a long way.

It had ups and downs but luckly for Victorian soccer it is now high in spirit and form.

John Ivanovic, former secretary, former vice-president and now honorary president and patron, has been a powerful force behind J.U.S.T., especially in those two years when Ivan Kuketz was at Hayman Island.

Other committee members in Sydney for the Ampol Finals were team manager Nikolic, vice-president Plevnik, secretary Otto Gabel and Messrs. Milankovic and Placejevic.

V.A.S.F.A. Councillors Jim Paul, Alec Kerr (and Mrs. Kerr), John Oliphant and Laurie Harris were among the first to join Interstate officials in congratulating J.U.S.T.

Soon after V.A.S.F.A. Chairman Bill Thomas wired from Melbourne his congratulations.

Soccer memories went back a few years when on Saturday afternoon, April 26, the curtain raiser to the Ivan Kuketz Cup Interstate Carnival was played between J.U.S.T. Veterans and J.U.S.T. Reserves.

Five hundred guests filled the North Melbourne Town Hall for J.U.S.T. 10th Anniversary Ball.

Unfortunately Adelaide Beograde players had to leave by train before the Ball, but young and old players mixed gaily with other club officials, referees and supporters.

J.U.S.T. first Secretary and then president Lukinovic made his first appearance in soccer circles for a long time.

He has been twice in the Antarctic with the Australian Expedition as their Engineering and Building Consultant.

The Soccer Association was represented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul and by Mr. and Mrs. John Oliphant (also a J.U.S.T. patron).

The night concluded gaily with all those present taking part in Jugoslav traditional folk dances.

J.U.S.T. KEPT OUR FLAG FLYING

J.U.S.T. upheld the high Victorian soccer standards when it represented the State in Sydney in the four State night finals for the coveted Ampol Trophy.

Every Soccer follower will want to congratulate them on their effort in their tenth year of existence.

Here are the scores and the tables:

SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND AMPOL RESULTS

Wednesday 16: S.A. (Rusalen, Esca) d. N.S.W. 2—0; Victoria (Rodek, Beattie (2), Marinovich) d. Qld. (Vogler, G. Kitching) 4—2.

Friday 18: Qld. (G. Kitching (2), Vogler) d. N.S.W. (D. Morrow) 3—1; Vic. (Marinovich, Vollmau) d. S.A. (L. Govelli) 2—1.

Saturday 19: Qld. (Vogler (3, one penalty), K. Kitching, Tsombaras) d. S.A. (Esca 2, one penalty) 5—2; Vic. (Rodck, Beattie, Vollman) drew N.S.W. (B. Collins (2), John Morrow) 3—3.

GOAL SCORERS

(28 GOALS SCORED)

Vogler (Qld.) 5*; G. Kitching (Qld.) 4; A. Beattie (Vic.) 3; B. Esca (S.A.) 3*; Rodek (Vic.), Marinovich (Vic.), Vollman (Vic.), B. Collins (N.S.W.) 2; Rusalen (S.A.), D. Morrow (N.S.W.), J. Morrow (N.S.W.), L. Vovelli (S.A.), Tsombaras (Qld.).

* One penalty each.

HOW THEY FINISHED

Just, Vic.	2	1	—	9	6	5
Hellenic Q'ld.	2	—	1	10	7	4
Juv., S.A.	1	—	2	5	7	2
Wallsen, NSW	—	1	2	4	8	1

Two Referees Retired

First grade referee and chairman of Examiners, Fred Hutchinson, hung up his whistle and accepted the position of Secretary of Wilhelmina S.C.—1959 S. L. Champions.

Fred is the second referee in recent years to leave to join a club as secretary.

Former Italian referee Raoul Barbadoro was seen on Australian soccer fields before he became secretary of Geelong S.C.

English referee, J. Tardiff, retired at the end of last year on account of private commitments.

The real reason is supposed to be the censorship of his actions applied by the V.A.S.F.A. executive last year when he was surprisingly replaced in the replay of a drawn final—a decision almost without a precedent.

Leading referee Luigi Cadelli was also replaced that week-end for a drawn semi-final of the World Cup, but was recalled at the eleventh hour and persuaded to control the match.

N.S.W. Kick-off

The 1960 Illawarra District Soccer Competition in N.S.W. starts today. First round Langridge shield matches will be played at the end of the 7th round of competition.

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Five Still Left In European Cup

After many months of fixtures and games the European Cup has reached the semi-final stage.

The semi-finalists are:

BARCELONA v. REAL MADRID;

EINTRACHT (W. Germany) v. the winner of replay between RANGERS and SPARTA.

Dates and grounds have yet to be decided.

The final will be played at Hampden Park, Glasgow (Scotland) on Saturday, May 18.

Results of round by round games are based on a Home and Away scores.

Round 1 (Winners first): Milan (Italy) beat Olimpiakos (Greece) 2—2, 3—1; Barcelona beat CDNA Sofia (Bulgaria) 2—2, 6—2; CZ Belgrade (Yugo.) bye; Wolves (Eng.) beat Vorwaerts Berlin (E. Germany) 1—2, 2—0; Sparta Rotterdam (Holland) bye; Goteburg (Sweden) beat Lisfield (N. Ireland) 2—1, 6—1; Rangers (Scotland) beat Anderlecht (Belgium) 5—2, 2—0; Bratislavia (Czech.) beat F. C. Porto (Portugal) 2—1, 2—0; Fenerbah C.S. (Turkey) beat CSEPEL (Hungary) 1—1, 3—2; OGC Nice (France) beat Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 3—2, 1—1; Real Madrid (Spain, Holder) bye; Jeunsesse Esch (Lux'berg) beat Lodz K.S. (Poland) 5—0, 1—2; Young Boys (Swiss) bye; Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Germany) walk-over from Kuopio (Finland); Odense (Denmark) bye; Wiener S.C. (Austria) beat Petrolul Ploesti (Rumania) 0—0, 2—1.

Round 2—Barcelona beat Milan 2—0, 5—1; Wolves beat Belgrade 1—1, 3—0; Sparta beat Goteburg 3—1, 1—3, 3—1; Rangers beat Bratislavia 4—3, 1—1; Nice beat Fenerbahcse 1—2, 2—1, 5—1; Madrid beat Jeunesse 7—0, 5—2; Eintracht beat Young Boys 4—1, 1—1; Wiener S.C. beat Odeuse 3—2, 2—2.

QUARTER-FINALS

Barcelona beat Wolves 4—0, 5—2; Rangers drew Sparta 3—2; 0—1 (date of replay to be fixed); Madrid beat Nice 2—3, 4—0; Eintracht beat Wiener 2—1, 1—1.

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NATIONS CUP NOT POPULAR

The newly formed Nations Cup, organised in 1958 by United European Football Association, has finally started its second round of fixtures.

With so many cup and inter-European competitions going on at the same time, dates and grounds have been hard to fix.

The Nations Cup did not attract so many countries as expected.

It is hoped that after one or two competitions the cup will become more popular.

Final eight countries in the second round are:

Russia, Spain, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, France, Austria.

First round eliminated teams were: Hungary, Poland, East Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey, Denmark, Greece, Norway.

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St. Helens in Soccer Final

Saint Helens defeated Blackstone two goals to nil in the final of the Duce Soccer Shield at Bundamba.

Clever play by Saints' right flank, Alan Pitcairn and Morrie Campbell, gave them the edge.

The defences of both teams stood out, with Alan Potter and Russell Norrish doing best for Saint Helens.

Blakstone centre-half, Al. Warren, played an outstanding game and was well supplied by Ron Brown.

Scores: Saint Helens 2 (M. Campbell, K. Pryde), d. Blackstone, 0. Reserve Division: Blackstone 5, d. Saint Helens 0.

Other results: 1st Division: Y.M.C.A. 9 d. Dinmod 0; Reserves Y.M.C.A. 1 d. Dinmod 0.

Record Entry For '62

F.I.F.A., the international soccer body, has announced the Country groupings of the 1962 World Cup series.

The final rounds of the competition will be played in Chile early in June, 1962.

A record 66 countries have entered their international teams.

From Europe only three countries did not enter—Austria, Denmark and Albania.

Qualifying round groupings, with the group winner to be decided by December 31, 1961, are:

(A) Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland.

(B) France, Bulgaria, Finland.

(C) West Germany, Nth. Ireland, Greece.

(D) Hungary, Holland, East Germany.

(E) Russia, Turkey, Norway.

(F) England, Portugal, Luxemburg.

(G) Italy, Rumania and the winner of Cyprus v. Israel.

(H) Czechoslovakia, Scotland, Ireland.

(I) Spain, Wales and the winner of the Africa group.

(J) Yugoslavia, Poland and winner of Asian group (Japan, South Korea, Indonesia).

(K) Argentine, Ecuador—the loser play the winner of Central American group (Sur Inam, Costa-Rica, Honduras, Guetemala).

(L) Uruguay, Bolivia.

(M) Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, second in group play winner of Mexico, U.S.A., Canada, Antilles.

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REFEREES' CORNER

The following are office-bearers in the Victorian Referees' Association: President, J. Hadfield; Secretary, W. (Bill) Curran; Treasurer, W. Bates; Executive, Messrs. Bartolo, Hecht, Lamb, Pedler; Selectors, Bates, Hadfield, Dignam; Examiners, McCarthy, Hookings, Bartolo.

LET'S USE A CAR STICKER FOR PUBLICITY

Sir,—If soccer is going to compete with Australian football this year, we must get more publicity.

Already we're getting a fair share in the daily Press, and almost a page in the "Wednesday Globe."

But more publicity is needed.

We seem to get an extra plug whenever there's a rough and tumble at any of our soccer grounds.

Australian newsmen, knowing little about our international game, enjoy sensationalising these clashes. But it's news, and good or bad, soccer makes headlines.

Another way to publicise our game would be to have our own club badges with name made into transfers for car stickers.

We have many car drivers in soccer, and think of the great publicity we would derive from this. Wherever the car went, a boost for soccer would go, too.

I think this idea would catch on with players and supporters, and I am prepared to negotiate with a leading Melbourne firm to make the transfers if any club is interested.

What are your views on this? Let me know if you or your club is interested. in "Soccer News" each week.' 1 Oval, Swan Street, Melbourne.

Yours,

JOHN ENGLAND.

Windsor.

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ITALIAN SOCCER

Italian soccer results by courtesy of Il Globo, Italian newspaper.

Alessandria v. Lanerossi 3—1, Bari v. Atalanta, 1—0; Fiorentina v. Juventus, 1—0; Genoa v. Udinese, 0—0; Lazio v. Napoli, 2—1; Milan v. Inter, 5—3; Padova v. Sampdoria, 4—1; Palermo v. Bologna, 0—0; Spal v. Roma 2—1.

NOW THEY STAND

Juventus 38, Fiorentina 36, Milan 35, Inter 29, Padova 28, Spal 28, Bologna 25, Atalanta 23, Roma 22, Vicenza 22, Sampdoria 21, Udinese 21, Palermo 18, Bari 18, Lazio 18, Napoli 18, Alessandria 17, Genoa 15.

★ Girls write

Sir,—We are two girls who support George Cross Club.

This season we would like to see features in "Soccer News" of interest to women supporters of clubs. Social items such as forthcoming dances, etc.

Yours,

Two Aussie girls.

JUNIOR REFEREES WANTED

★ The Junior Committee are still trying to form a Junior Referees' Association. Four referees are now available.

More are urgently required. Kindly contact the Junior Secretary, J. P. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine.

★ All Junior Clubs are reminded that players registered for the first time this season must produce to the Secretary of the Junior Committee, written proof of age either by Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Immigration Certificate or written proof of age from school records duly certified by the Principal of the school the player is attending.

★ All Junior Clubs please note the following changes in Junior fixtures: Croydon will now play in the Under-16 South Section, replacing Heidelberg, who have withdrawn. This will leave a bye where shown on the Under-18 fixtures.

★ Preston T.S.O.B. have withdrawn from the Under-16 North Section and will now play in the Under-14 South Section, replacing Glenroy White Eagles who have withdrawn. This will leave a bye where Preston T.S.O.B. are shown in the Under-16 North Section.

★ Music please

Sir,—I am a German and in my country we usually have a band performance during the half-time interval.

Why can't this apply in Melbourne?

It would add to the attraction of the game and I feel would help swell the gate each week.

Yours,

K. KLOTZ.

Brunswick.

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SOCCER IN N.S.W.

Second Round (March 27)—

Auburn d. Budapest 9—2. (Auburn: Bruce Morrow 5, Quested 2, Mucillo 2.) (Budapest: Schauman, Kangyar.)

Gladesville Ryde d. Bankstown 3—1. (Gladesville: Hobbs, Lewisham, Foster. Bankstown: Such.)

Prague d. Corrimal 4—. (Prague: Ninaus 2, Tamandhl 2. Corrimal: Burns.)

Prague d. Corrimal 4—1. (Hakoah: Burgoyne 2, Wesely, Neal, Pendleton.)

Apia d. Manly 7—1. (Apia: Svoronich 2, De Paoli 2, Turella, Notalicco, Cinat. Manly: Young.)

Canterbury d. North Side U.E.P.T. 5—0. (Canterbury: Watkiss 3, Baumgartner 2.)

Team	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Prague	2	—	—	11	1	4
Apia	2	—	—	10	2	4
Hakoah	2	—	—	10	2	4
Auburn	2	—	—	17	8	4
Canterbury ..	1	1	—	11	8	2
Gladesville ..	1	1	—	4	4	2
Granville	1	1	—	7	9	2
North Side ..	1	1	—	3	6	2
S. Austral ..	1	1	—	2	8	2
Corrimal	—	1	—	1	4	—
Bankstown ..	—	2	—	2	6	—
Balgownie ..	—	2	—	3	7	—
Budapest	—	1	—	2	9	—
Manly	—	2	—	5	14	—

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WELL DONE PRESTON

The Preston team when playing its first State League game today at Collier Street, will be making club history.

Fifty years soccer has been played in the Preston area and this is the first time a club from that area has gained entry into top league competition.

Founded in 1943 by their present treasurer, Mr. H. Liepold, the club passed through a series of failures, before finally gathering a strong team together to break-the-ice.

The committee, led by their chairman, have, by hard work, obtained an enclosed ground.

Of their State League prospects the secretary, Mr. G. Liepold said: "We trust that we will be able to hold our own throughout this coming season, and if not it will not be from want of trying, nor lack of enthusiasm."

The following players are on the club's books—and who knows, there could be future State and Australian players included:—

Geo. Peake, Geo. Bruscose, Jancsi Togyer, Bill Black, Felix Koplsher, Paul Pugent, T. Pavlovsky, T. Becsi, A. Szabo, T. Sal, J. Czerny, D. Trentin, N. Azopardie. Up-and-coming players include R. Villani, D. Kent, V. Angele, H. Hess and J. Hess.

Committee members and helpers:—
F. Courtney, H. Liepold, J. Liepold, J. Brenneris, J. Han, A. Johnstone, and F. Hulo.

"Soccer News" adds its belated congratulations to the club, both players, and officials, and wish them well in their new sphere.

Player of the Year

✦ Continued from P.9.

There is not a centre-forward in the country who does not envy the goal scoring ability of this sharp-shooting Austrian from the suburbs of Vienna.

It did not take the Sydney-siders long to dream up a nickname for this goal scoring wizard.

They call him the "Professor," and many times on the field as BAUMGARTNER directs a game's fortunes the aptness of the nickname is apparent.

Earlier in the year BAUMGARTNER had a dispute with Prague over club fees.

Prague agreed to transfer him to CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE for a reported £500.

An unofficial report stated he received £1,000 for himself from Canterbury.

In his first game with CANTERBURY BAUMGARTNER flashed in 4 goals only to see his defence crack under the pressure from the AUBURN forwards to lose 8-6.

Still comparatively young, BAUMGARTNER thinks he has at least five good years of top class soccer left in him.

He then hopes to retire gracefully and concentrate on his business and possibly coaching.

In March, '58 when the BAUMGARTNER and JAROS families stepped off a plane at Mascot, they were met by at least 100 cheering Prague club followers.

The club secured the two families homes at Marrackville and set both players up in business.

JAROS is a barber with his own salon in Sydney's fabulous Kings Cross.

BAUMGARTNER is a caterer at the South Coast migrant camp — UNANDERRA — making a success of his canteen; he now has a number of employees working for him.

In addition to this business a leading Sports Store at KINGSGROVE has, under his direction, made and sold highly successfully a quality class soccer boot, ideal for Australian conditions, called "BAUMGARTNER."

With his attractive young wife HELENE and 3-year-old daughter Sonia, Leapold recently moved into a new home at MAROUBRA.

JUNIOR SOCCER

with JOE THREFALL

This season's junior soccer season looks like being one of the best on record.

Twelve new clubs fielding 15 teams, including five teams from State League Clubs J.U.S.T., Hakoah, Melbourne and Wilhelmina (two teams), have entered the strongest Junior competition for years.

J.U.S.T. Under-12 XI, a late entrant, will be coached by Beattie, the popular J.U.S.T. centre forward.

Fifty-two teams, an increase of nine teams from Season 1959, will kick-off today.

The Sunshine-St. Albans area, with 14 teams, is now the strongest soccer area in the Metropolitan Sections.

New teams in this area: Sacred Hearts, Ardeer and North Sunshine could be a danger to more established teams, judging from recent practice games.

Another new club. Sandringham-Aspendale, a merger of Sandringham City and Aspendale Technical School interests, have embarked on a most ambitious programme for their first season of fielding four teams, Under-12, Under-14 "A" and "B" and Under-16.

The first social evening, organised by David Lea and Jack Lethaby, held at Aspendale Technical School was attended by more than 50 parents, the Principal of Aspendale Technical School, Mr. Len Young, V.A.S.F.A. Coach, and J. P. Threlfall.

Recent practice games have shown these teams will be worthy opponents.

South Melbourne - Hellas teams, having held successful practice games in recent weeks should be prominent in the League Championship race this season.

The only undefeated team in Season 1959, Olympia Under-12 XI, may find the Under-14 Competition more testing.

Sunshine City, last season's Under-14 premiers, may also find the Under-14 competition very strong this season with some of their players now playing in the Under-16 team.

In the Under-16 (North) last season's premiers, Sunshine City, together with South Melbourne - Hellas, Essendon and Ajax should be prominent. Melbourne, provided some players are granted transfers, Dandenong City and Box Hill should also be prominent in the Under-16 (South).

The nursery Section, Under-12, and the Under-18 Section are very open.

Referees Wanted

Bill Curran, V.S.R.A. Secretary, has contacted "Soccer News" with an urgent S.O.S.

"Referees are badly needed to fill in our commitments and to give a reasonable number of proxies in case of emergency," Bill told "Soccer News" this week.

If you are fit, are capable, love the game and do know how to referee or wish to learn, contact Bill at 50 Creswick Street, Footscray, Tel. MW 1484.

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

APRIL 9

Moonee Ponds v. Sunshine C.
Corio v. Maccabi.
Coburg v. Sicilia.
Sth. Melb.-Hel. v. University.
Fiorentina v. Croatia.

First South Reserves (as bye—play reverse fixtures.

APRIL 9

Sandringham v. Richmond.
Prahran v. Yallourn.
Dandenong v. South Yarra.
Park Rangers v. Austria.
Geelong v. Brighton.

First South Reserves (as above) except Geelong — a bye—play reverse fixtures.

OLYMPIC PARK

Saturday, April 2: Hakoah v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, April 3: Melbourne v. Polonia.

Saturday, April 9: J.U.S.T. v. George Cross.

Sunday, April 10: Moreland v. Juventus.

Saturday, April 16: George Cross v. Juventus.

Sunday, April 17: No matches—Easter Sunday.

Monday, April 18: Polonia v. Hakoah.

Reserve teams play Curtain-Raisers. Kick-off 1 p.m.

JUNIOR FIXTURES

Junior Fixtures for next Saturday

Under-12. — J.U.S.T. v. St. Kilda, South Melb.-Hellas v. S./Aspendale, Brooklyn H. v. Essendon, Olympia v. Sunshine City. Bye: Wilhelmina.

Under-14 (North). — Sunshine City v. Lechia Newport, Ardeer v. Olympia, North Sunshine v. Brooklyn Hostel, Trident v. Sokil United. Bye: Sacred Hearts.

Under-14 (South). — Essendon v. Preston T.S.O.B., Wilhelmina v. S./Aspendale "A," S./Aspendale "B" v. Wesley College, St. Kilda v. South Melb.-Hellas. Bye: Brighton.

Under-16 (North). — Essendon v. Sunshine City, St. Kilda v. Polonia Fawkner, South Melb.-Hellas v. Ajax. Bye: Hakoah.

Under-16 (South).—Brighton v. Box Hill, Bayswater v. Moorabbin City, Dandenong City v. S./Aspendale, Croydon v. Melbourne.

Under-18. — Sandringham City v. Coburg United, Sunshine City v. Preston T.S.O.B., Box Hill v. Essendon. Bye: St. Kilda.

S.A. Win 6-1

The S.A. State soccer team defeated Elizabeth Town 6-1 in a training game at Ramsey Park, Elizabeth, on Saturday, but they were not impressive.

STATE LEAGUE

APRIL 9

Slavia v. Hakoah.
J.U.S.T. v. George Cross.
Wilhelmina v. Footscray.
Polonia v. Preston.
Box Hill v. Melbourne.
Moreland v. Juventus.

APRIL 16

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina.
J.U.S.T. v. Slavia.
Footscray v. Polonia.
Preston v. Box Hill.
Melbourne v. Moreland.
George Cross v. Juventus.

APRIL 23

Hakoah v. Box Hill.
J.U.S.T. v. Polonia.
Slavia v. Wilhelmina.
Preston v. Juventus.
Footscray v. Moreland.
George Cross v. Melbourne.

APRIL 30

Moreland v. Hakoah.
Box Hill v. J.U.S.T.
Polonia v. Slavia.
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.
Juventus v. Footscray.
Melbourne v. Preston.

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GAMES FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

STATE LEAGUE

Hakoah v. J.U.S.T. (Olympic Park).
Footscray v. Slavia. (Sims Reserve).
Preston v. Wilhelmina. Hawthorn Sth. Reserve).
Juventus v. Box Hill. (Showgrounds).
George Cross v. Moreland. Olympic Track, Olympic Village, W. Heidelberg). (Olympic Park).

TOMORROW (SUNDAY):

Melbourne v. Polonia. (Olympic Park).

For fixtures of other Leagues check locations in 1960 V.A.S.F.A. Official Year Book.

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LAST WEEK-END'S FRIENDLY RESULTS

Hakoah d. Juventus 5—1; South Melbourne-Hellas d. Brighton 3—0; Hakoah Reserves d. G. Cross Reserves 9—2; Melbourne d. Wilhelmina 2—0.

How They Finished Last Year . . . .

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
WILHELMINA	22	17	2	3	86	40	36
George Cross	22	14	5	3	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	22	15	2	5	56	30	32
Slavia	22	12	5	5	49	28	29
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	22	8	2	12	57	45	18
J.U.S.T.	22	6	6	10	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	5	13	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	7	12	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	5	14	28	55	11
Yarra Park	22	1	2	19	27	112	4

CHAMPIONS FOR SEASON 1959:

Dockerty Cup: George Cross.
Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup: Polonia.
World Cup: Scotland.

League Premierships:

State League: WILHELMINA (winner), George Cross (runner-up). Reserves State League: HAKOAH; Wilhelmina. First Division North: PRESTON; Croatia. Frst Division South: MELBOURNE; Richmond. Second Division North: MOONEE PONDS; Fiorentina. Second Division South: SANDRINGHAM CITY; Austria. Reserves First Division North: LIONS-HAYDUK; Sunshine City. Reserves First Division South: RICHMOND; Melbourne. Provisional League: NORLANE OLYMPIA, North Richmond.

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